

# Wingham Golf Club

## Local Rules

**These Local Rules must be read in conjunction with the Rules of Golf and any Temporary Local Rules posted in the clubhouse.**

**The penalty for any breach of a Local Rule is the **general penalty** ... loss of hole in Match Play and two strokes in Stroke Play.**

### **1. Out of Bounds (Rule 18.2)**

1.1. *Out of bounds* is defined by the line between the course-side points at ground level of white stakes with black tops and fence posts defining the boundary of the course.

You **may not** take free relief if your stance or swing is impeded by posts, stakes or fences that define *out of bounds*.

### **2. Abnormal Course Conditions ... includes Ground Under Repair (Rule 16.1)**

2.1. Areas encircled by white paint. The white paint may be marked as dots, broken lines, unbroken lines or white stakes.

2.2. All new work on the course whether or not it is marked.

2.3. Areas of bare ground in the *general area* cut to fairway height or less, other than divots.

2.4. Clearly defined wheel ruts made by a course maintenance machinery.

2.5. Any portion of ground in the general area where there is an accumulation of rocks or Stones.

2.6. All exposed tree roots on the fairway.

2.7. Areas in bunkers where sand has been removed by natural forces.

2.8. Areas in the general area where there is damage caused by animals.

2.9. Areas on the putting greens where surface of the green is damaged.

Bare patches on putting greens which interfere with the line of play.

You **may** take free *relief* under 16.1 if your *ball* comes to rest on or in an *abnormal ground condition* including *ground under repair* and your stance or swing is impeded by it whether or not that area is marked as described in 2.1. If your *ball* lies in a *no play zone* you **must** take *relief*.

2.10 The area to the side of the dam on the 8<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> hole.

You **may** take relief by dropping a ball in the **dropping zone** within two club-lengths of the **coloured post** below the dam wall.

### 3. Immovable Obstructions (Rule 16.1)

- 3.1. All stakes defining *penalty areas* and *ground under repair*.
- 3.2. All protective screens.
- 3.3. Drainage channels of artificial materials next to cart paths in the general area.
- 3.4. All roads and paths on the course, even if not artificially surfaced.
- 3.5. Ropes and posts defining cart paths or general pathways around greens or tees.

If your *ball* lies outside a *penalty area* and your stance or swing is impeded by an *immovable obstruction* you **may** take [free] *relief* under Rule 16.1a, 16.1b, 16.1c, 16.1d or 16.1e. If your *ball* lies in a *no play zone* you **must** take *relief*.

### 4. Movable Obstructions (Rule 15)

- 4.1. Hoops and cart signs near greens and paths.

You **may** move such hoops and signs and if your *ball* moves in doing so you **must** replace your *ball* without penalty.

### 5. Penalty Areas

- 5.1. All dams and ponds are *red penalty areas* whether or not they are marked by stakes or lines.

If you are unsure whether your *ball* is in a *penalty area* or is lost outside the penalty area you **may** play a *provisional ball* using any of the options available to you under Rule 17.1d.

- 5.2. For a ball in the dam (penalty area) on the 8<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> holes.

You **may** use the **dropping zone** of two club lengths from the **coloured post** behind the dam in addition to the other options available to you under Rule 17.1.

### 6. No Play Zones (Rule 16.1f)

- 6.1. Trees or Shrubs identified by tree guards or white stakes.

You **must** take the [free] *relief* described in Rules 16.1b, 16.1c or 16.1d when your stance or swing is impeded by trees or shrubs guarded by tree guards or marked with white stakes.

### 7. Wrong green

- 7.1. The temporary green located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> holes is a wrong green when not in use  
You **must** take relief under Rule 13.1f.

### 8. Electricity wires, cables and poles

- 8.1 You **must** replay your stroke if your ball strikes any electricity wire, cable or pole.

## Daily Conditions of Play ... Temporary Local Rules

Any change relating to how the **ball** may be played, restrictions on the use of carts, application of the playing condition relating to age and handicap, or any other playing condition is indicated on the inside of the scorecard and on the Conditions of Play notice board outside the starters shop.

The following Temporary Local Rules govern the conditions under which these special Conditions of Play apply.

### Preferred Lies:

When the condition known as *preferred lies* is in play, the following Temporary Local Rule, together with any associated penalties, applies:

When your *ball* lies in the general area cut to fairway length or less, [or other areas identified by the Committee], you **may** take free *relief once* by placing the original *ball* or another *ball* in and playing it from this *relief area*:

- Reference Point: Spot of the original *ball*.
- Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point: 30 cm from the *reference point*, but with these limits:
- Limits on Location of Relief Area:
  - Must not be nearer the hole than the *reference point*, and
  - Must be in the *general area*.

In proceeding under this Temporary Local Rule, you **must** choose a spot to place the *ball* and use the procedures for *replacing a ball* under Rules 14.2b(2) and 14.2e. You **may** clean your ball in taking this relief option.

### Compulsory Mats:

In conditions of severe drought and when the temporary conditions known as Compulsory Mats is in play, the following Temporary Local Rule applies:

When your *ball* lies in the *general area*, you **must** lift you *ball*, place an approved piece of matting on the spot on which your **ball** lay before being lifted and place your **ball** on that precise spot on the mat that is directly above where your *ball* at rest lay before it was lifted.

This Temporary Local Rule does not apply when you use a putter from off the *green*.

### Cracks in the ground:

In dry conditions and when the temporary condition known as Cracks in the Ground is in play the following Temporary Local Rule applies:

When your ball lies in a position where a crack in the ground in the general area cut to fairway length or less interferes with your swing, **but** not your stance, you **may** take relief under Rule 16.1.

The penalty for any breach of any Local Rule or Temporary Local Rule is the **general penalty** ... loss of hole in Match Play and two strokes in Stroke Play.

## Terms of the Competition

### Age and Handicap Rule:

1. If the total of your age and daily handicap equals 90 or more, you **may** hit off the red tees on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> holes in all men's competition. You may hit off from the plates on the 14<sup>th</sup> tee when the "over the dam" teeing area is used in competition.

### Other

2. Tee Markers
  - a. Women      Front-Nine ... Red              Back-Nine ... Yellow
  - b. Men            Front-Nine ... White              Back-Nine ... Blue
3. The edge of fairways are defined by blue lines.
4. Markers indicating 100m or 150m from the green are measured to the centre of the green.

### Code of Conduct

1. You **may not** unreasonably delay play during a round and in particular you **must** keep up with the group in front and call up players in the group behind if your group is searching for a ball and this is likely to hold up the playing group behind your group.
2. You must take all precautions to ensure the safety of other players. This includes leaving a safe distance between yourself & the group in front when playing a shot.
3. You **may not** drive your cart beyond orange lines.
4. You **must** carry a sand buckets or equivalent at all times.

The **penalty** for breaching this Code of Conduct is, after an informal warning: (1) A formal warning; (2) A one-stroke penalty; (3) The general penalty, and (4) Disqualification.

### Procedures for Suspension and Resumption of Play (Rule 5.7b):

- Dangerous conditions: signalled by one prolonged note of the siren.
- All others: signalled by three consecutive notes of the siren.
- Resumption: signalled by two short notes of the siren.

When the Committee suspends play by activating the "dangerous conditions" signal or when you believe there is danger from lightening, you **must** cease play immediately and only play another stroke when the Committee resumes play.

**WARNING:** It is a condition of use of the course that that you acknowledge that you do not rely on Wingham Golf Club to ensure your safety from lightning & wildlife.